

USS Constitution Begins Summer Hours

USS Constitution Public Affairs

CHARLESTOWN, Mass. – The crew of USS Constitution shifted to summer operating hours today.

Summer operating hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Beginning at 10:00 a.m., 30-minute “tours of duty” aboard “Old Ironsides” will be offered every half-hour until 5:30 p.m.

Each tour of duty is narrated by one of Constitution's active-duty Sailors and consists of four stations through the ship's top three decks. The ship will also offer the “top deck experience” for visitors who do not have time to take the 30-minute guided tour of duty. The top deck experience gives visitors the opportunity to roam Constitution’s top deck and ask questions from a Sailor who will be posted there.

Additionally, USS Constitution and the Constitution Museum will continue to offer the Constitution Experience, which began during last year’s summer operating hours. During these events, visitors are invited to observe the morning colors ceremony, which includes the firing of the ship’s saluting battery, or cannon. Afterward, they will be given an extended tour of duty through the ship's spaces before being escorted to the USS Constitution Museum.

Attendance is by reservation only and visitors participating in the Constitution Experience must arrive at pier one by 7:40 a.m. In addition, public restroom facilities will not be available prior to the museum opening at 9 a.m. Group size is limited to 50 visitors per morning, so to reserve a spot, please e-mail constitution.events@navy.mil.

Constitution is located in the Charlestown Navy Yard of Boston Harbor. She is the world’s oldest

commissioned warship afloat and welcomes more than 500,000 visitors a year. The ship's mission is to promote the United States Navy and America's naval heritage through educational outreach, public access and historic demonstrations, in-port and underway.

For more information on Constitution, visit www.history.navy.mil/ussconstitution or www.facebook.com/ussconstitutionofficial